March 9, 2015

MEMO TO: All Buffalo Teachers

FROM: Philip Rumore, President, BTF

RE: BTF Mock Grand Jury Investigation of Governor Cuomo

We have decided to only include Governor Cuomo in our Grand Jury investigation to keep the primary focus on him as we join with our colleagues in other districts across New York State with a unified message.

We have secured Kleinhans Music Hall for our Mock Grand Jury investigation of Governor Cuomo to determine whether he should be "indicted" for offenses such as:

- Depriving our students of their New York State Constitutional right to a "Sound Basic Education".

- Brutalizing our students by advocating for standardized tests that:
  o have not been validated.
  o provide no meaningful and timely information to teachers and parents.
  o Traumatize students (especially ELL and SWD students).

- Falsely labeling schools failing schools.

- Undermining local control of schools.

- Underfunding colleges.

These are just some of the main charges.

There will be a prosecutor and witnesses from BTF, other Districts, and the community.

At the end, the audience will vote on whether Governor Cuomo will be "indicted" on each count.

We are planning to have pre and post grand jury stickers, e.g. "For Our Students, If You Want What's Right, You Must Indict Governor Cuomo" (Pre).

Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2015

Time: Seating 5:15, Event 6:00

Place: Kleinhan Music Hall

If we decide to have tickets to prevent outsiders from disrupting the event, they will be distributed by your Delegates. Teacher aides, administrators, etc. are invited.

We will also be inviting people from other districts and some community organizations.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS TODAY. EVERY BUFFALO TEACHER SHOULD BE THERE.

If you approve of Governor Cuomo's policies, stay home.

If you want to let him know you do not, be there.

We will continue to keep you up-to-date in the upcoming days.

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